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Man, 30, dies after car rolls

EJECTED A 30-year-old Hatchet Lake man is dead after a single-car crash on Old Guysborough Road in Lower Sackville early yesterday morning.

The victim was the passenger in a car with another man from the Hatchet Lake area around 2:30 a.m. when the driver lost control and the car rolled over in a ditch.

Neither was wearing a seatbelt and both men were thrown from the car.

The driver of the car sustained minor injuries and the passenger was found dead at the scene.

RCMP are still investigating the cause of the crash but say drugs and alcohol were not a factor.

Staff Sgt. Peter McTiernan said excessive speed may have been involved and there was heavy fog in the area at the time.

ROBYN YOUNG/METRO HALIFAX

A hot one, but no record-setter

CLOSE It was a gorgeous day yesterday, but it wasn't a record-setter.

Yesterday's high temperature was 27 C. According to Environment Canada, the hottest it's been in Halifax was 28.8 C. That was in 1988. The coldest July 6 was in 1953, when it was a chilly 7.8 C.

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Jeff Sheppard, left, Evan Boudreau, Ryan Anderson and David MacKinnon run down the street performing wind tests on the sail of their homemade flying machine.

PAUL MCLEOD/METRO HALIFAX

Soaring towards the record books

Team designing glider for championships Aug. 3 in Ottawa

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"Building a hang-glider seemed pretty easy when we started. But let me tell you, it's not. It is way harder than it looks."

Ryan Anderson, team captain

When you're building a flying machine from scratch, sometimes you've got to scrounge through your basement for supplies.

So when Jeff Sheppard showed up at his team's Mount Uniacke base he brought some tubing and siding he found in the hopes of fixing their hang-glider. The team has until the end of the month to design a glider for the Canadian Red Bull Flugtag championships August 3 in Ottawa.

"Building a hang-glider seemed

pretty easy when we started. But let me tell you, it's not. It is way harder than it looks," said team captain Ryan Anderson.

Flugtags involve teams of up to five people pushing a homemade, human-powered flying machine off a nine-metre platform over a lake. Whichever machine makes it the farthest before hitting the water wins.

The local team of Sheppard, An-

derson, David MacKinnon, Evan Boudreau and Matt Kervin has their sights set on the world record of 47 metres, set last year in Nashville. That team launched a glider off of a two-metre platform.

"We figured if we take that same hang-glider design and raise it higher, there's no reason why we can't go further," said Boudreau. "So we decided to make a Maritime theme out of it.

What's a high structure we could launch something off of? A lighthouse."

And so, by learning what they could from pictures and youtube videos, Flighthouse was born. So far they're in the early testing stages and the lighthouse platform has yet to be built. But the team believes if they put the work in, the world record could be theirs.

Another local team from Prospect — made up of Joel Babin, Lee Babin, Martin Benvie, Greg Kerr and Matt Smelson — are also heading to Ottawa in August and are so far keeping their "unique" design a secret.



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And that's a wrap – Ten yachts in the Clipper Round the World race, including the Nova Scotia boat, arrived in Liverpool, England Saturday. They've sailed 35,000 miles since the race began in Liverpool last September. METRO HALIFAX

Local



There were more Nova Scotians

working in 2007 than anytime in the three years before. Last year, Statistics Canada figures showed 382,248 people employed in the province, up from 366,634 in 2003. The number dipped in 2004, but has been rising ever since. METRO HALIFAX

No buses for beach goers

Sun lovers forced to drive congested route to Rainbow Haven Beach

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Hundreds of revelers
soaked up the sun at Rainbow Haven Beach yesterday and all of them got there by car.

No buses stop anywhere near the popular summer hot spot.

Cars lined both sides of Cow Bay Road for several hundred metres leading up to the beach entrance and at least a kilometre past it.

After a long drive from Westphal, Tysha Brown, 17, and her friend Selena Poole, 17, said it would be helpful if HRM had a bus that traveled to the beach



Tysha Brown, left, and her friends Selena and Tori Poole walk past dozens of cars lined up along the road leading to the Rainbow Haven Beach parking lot yesterday. They said they would take advantage of bus service to the area if it existed.

throughout the summer months.

"Either it could be a

Metro Transit bus or an actual (shuttle) bus for out here," said Brown.

"It would be easier to get out here; some kids don't have cars."

They said they would definitely use the bus to get to the beach if they could, citing convenience as one of the reasons, but also the cost of gas and environmental awareness.

Park attendants Josh Freeman and Patsy Eddy with the Department of Natural Resources agreed that a bus or shuttle system would reduce the congestion on Cow Bay Road during the warmer months.

Freeman and Eddy were sweating it out at the parking lot gate as cars lined up waiting to get into the park. They let two or three cars enter about every 15

minutes.

Freeman said police are kept busy handing out parking tickets on hot days and the number of cars lining the roads and parking lot are a safety hazard.

"You can't get a fire truck in here," he said.

Deputy Mayor Stephen Adams will request additional basic bus service at City Council this week for underserviced areas such as Eastern Passage, Waverley, Lucasville, Williamswood, Harrietsfield and Sambro, but he said a bus that services the beaches specifically will not be considered until basic service is taken care of.

"Once we get that established then we can look at a beach service," he said.

News in brief

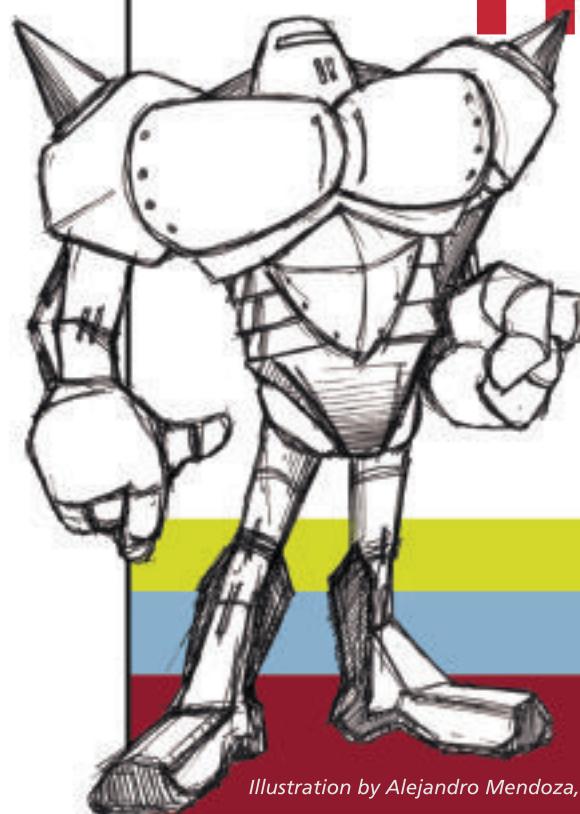
STABBING Police arrested a 38-year-old woman Saturday afternoon after a 39-year-old man was stabbed superficially in the back. The suspect and the victim knew each other. The victim was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

BANK ROBBERY Investigators are looking for a 40-year-old white man in connection with a Friday afternoon bank robbery. The man demanded money from a clerk at the Bank of Montreal on Mumford Road just before 5 p.m., got cash, and fled. No one was hurt. Police say the suspect is 5'9", 175 pounds, wearing sunglasses, a green hat, a dark blue windbreaker, black track pants and gloves.

CORRECTION Mark Wolf was quoted in Friday's Metro in a story about Nova Scotia Power's plans to build a new office building. Wolf was expressing a personal opinion, and not the opinion of Dalhousie Legal Aid.

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No library fines for kids

Children and teens between five and 17 can read away fines for overdue library books until Sept. 2. Kids between eight and 12 can also participate in fine-forgiveness events at the Spring Garden Road library July 10 and Aug. 12. **METRO HALIFAX**

Road project opposed

Protesters to soldier on despite six arrests on Friday

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Joe Macdonnell and his neighbours will gather on a Chebucto Road lawn again this morning and wait for the sound of chainsaws.

They've had the weekend to think about the months and years that led up to the moment six people were arrested last Friday when they cried and clashed with police while a tree named Maple was chopped down, beginning the much-debated road-widening project.

With disappointment, Macdonnell said in the chaos that erupted during the protest, the most important point was lost.

Public attention focused on the arrests and how "ugly" the scene got, he said.

"But they (protesters) were here because they're concerned about what's happening," he said.

Caroly King, also of the neighbourhood association, said the real ruckus began only when police refused to let community members have the first



Joe Macdonnell, second from right, of the Chebucto Road Neighbourhood Association, gathered with some of his neighbours yesterday afternoon to discuss peaceful protest plans for the coming days as the city moves in to get a controversial road widening project underway.

fallen tree.

City officials told the group that instead of tossing the trees into the wood chipper, they would hand them over to the community to chop into blocks as mementos or keepsakes. That message wasn't passed on to police.

Macdonnell said he doesn't blame police for having to do their job last week but neither does he blame the protesters who demon-

strated to save his street.

The group says they blame the city for not properly acknowledging concerns Haligonians have been voicing for months.

"It's an absolute criminal waste of \$3 million," said King, referring to the project that will add extra car lanes but no bus or bicycle lanes to the road.

And throughout all of the upset surrounding the

road-widening controversy, King said, Mayor Peter Kelly has never once made a point of speaking to the people of Chebucto Road himself.

The neighbourhood association members said yesterday they will continue their fight to save the street as the project continues this week, but they'll emphasize the word "peaceful" to anyone who wants to join them.

Bluetooth not safer for cars: Researcher

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Just got your Bluetooth hooked up? Read on.

A Dalhousie University researcher says hands-free cellphones are no safer than hand-held cellphones. And they can even be more dangerous.

Ph.D. student Yoko Ishigami recently presented her review paper on the topic at the Canadian Association of Road Safety Professionals conference last month in Whistler, B.C. She was awarded first place in a national student paper competition.



Ishigami says research shows there's no difference in the reaction time of drivers using either hand-held or hands-free cell phones when they're confronted with unpredictable situations.

But there is difference in behaviour.

"When people use a hand-held phone, they tend to slow down and this is compensation behavior," said Ishigami, an interna-

ticket for talking

The cost of a ticket for talking on a cellphone while driving is \$164.50 for first-time offenders, then \$222 and a third time costs \$337.

tional student from Japan studying experimental psychology.

"But people who are using hands-free tend not to slow down."

It's that extra confidence drivers feel when they use a Bluetooth on the road that makes them potentially more dangerous.

The research led her to conclude all cellphone use while driving should be banned.

India is the only country that bans both hand-held and hands-free cellphones.

On April 1, Nova Scotia banned driver use of handheld cellphones.

As of late June, police had issued 144 tickets.

Transportation Department spokeswoman Cathy MacIsaac says the law will be reviewed after it's in place for six months.

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Dartmouth sun-seekers have one more option: The city re-opened Penhorn Lake Beach in Dartmouth Friday. Bacteria testing suggests the water is now safe for swimming. METRO HALIFAX

Suspect sought in jewelry heists

Halifax Regional Police are looking for 17-year-old Matthew Randal Smith, who they believe is responsible for two robberies in Dartmouth last week.

On Tuesday, just after 10

a.m., three men — one totting a firearm — stole money and jewelry from National Exchange on Portland Street. Friday, at about 2:30 p.m., two men, including one with a firearm, demanded and got money and jewelry

information

If you have any information on the whereabouts of Matthew Randal Smith, call police at 490-5016 or leave an anonymous tip with Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

from the New Penny Coin Shop at 114 Woodlawn Rd. Smith is a six-foot black man with a slim build. As

he's under 18, the courts granted police permission to publicize his name and picture.

METRO HALIFAX Smith



Suspicious

Church fire treated as crime scene

KEARNEY LAKE ROAD Police and fire officials are investigating a suspicious fire yesterday afternoon at a church under construction on the Kearney Lake Road.

Halifax Regional Fire crews were called to the scene around 3:30 p.m. No one was hurt and firefighters put out the fire quickly before the building was destroyed.

Acting platoon chief Steve Auton said the fire's cause is being investigated, and the area is being treated as a crime scene.

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SPCA seeks good homes for 70 cats

BURNSIDE The Burnside SPCA shelter is bursting at the seams. Almost 70 cats and kittens and 14 dogs are currently at the shelter looking for new homes. If you're interested in finding a new furry family member, the shelter is holding an Adopt-A-Thon Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Check out the pets at www.petfinder.com/shelters/metrosPCA.html.

METRO HALIFAX

News in brief

SKIING Christmas may have come early for members of the Ski Cape Smokey Society with news of a potential buyer for the ski hill. Paul Mahre, a former member of the United States ski team, has reportedly made a bid to buy Ski Cape Smokey. It has been reported that Mahre's bid to purchase the struggling ski resort in Ingomish has been approved by the society managing the hill. Although Premier Rodney Mac Donald was not aware of an offer to purchase the hill, he said the government would welcome the sale.

MARKET A soft market in Germany for dogfish is behind the layoff of 40 seasonal employees at a fish processing company in Lower Wedgeport. Ocean Pride Fisheries was created in 1989 to process underutilized species like the dogfish and sea cucumber. Last year, the company only worked on dogfish for two weeks, says president Milton LeBlanc. He added consumers are receiving misinformation about the dogfish population, which he blames on groups like Greenpeace.

METRO HALIFAX

Common chemicals identified

Catecho, a chemical used to develop photos and as an oxidizing agent in hair dyes, has been listed by the government as one of eight dangerous common chemicals. **METRO**

Canada

G8 battling to regain stature

Harper condemns Mugabe election



Prime Minister Stephen Harper is greeted by Japanese officials upon his arrival at New Chitose International Airport yesterday ahead of the G8 Summit.

Weakened by economic woes and enduring political divisions, leaders of the Group of Eight nations meeting here will be more hard-pressed than usual to live up to their avowed commitment to act in the global interest.

Early indications are that Canada, the United States and other G-8 countries are shying away from agreements on decisive action on some of today's most pressing problems — im-

"Their credibility is running low because under their tenure, not much has happened."

Mark Fried, Oxfam

proving health in developing nations, aid to Africa, the world food crisis and climate change.

"Their credibility is running low because under their tenure, not much has happened" to help devel-

oping countries, Mark Fried, advocacy co-ordinator for Oxfam Canada, says of current G-8 leaders.

The group, which also includes Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Russia, is opening a three-day summit on the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido. But Prime Minister Stephen Harper has already called on the G-8 to condemn Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe's recent controversial election.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Green plan to be tough sell: Dion

ALBERTA Federal Liberal Leader Stephen Dion was at the University of Alberta yesterday to promote his controversial new carbon tax plan.



Dion told over 100 young people at the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition Conference that his plan to collect \$15.4 billion in new taxes from industries that produce high carbon emissions would be a tough sell in Alberta. Premier Ed Stelmach said Dion's plan would harm the province's growth.

METRO CANADA

Native schools strapped for cash: Superintendent

CALGARY Yvonne DePeel, a Calgary native school superintendent, says the federal government's recent residential schools apology is meaningless if the students today on Canada's native reserves can't get a decent education.

DePeel points to the Morley Community School

for native students west of Calgary that may be forced to hold classes outdoors next year because of a lack of space.

MP Charlie Angus, the NDP's native affairs critic, said there are 80 native schools across Canada in the same situation.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

BULGARIA A Canadian businessman who was imprisoned in Bulgaria after being convicted of embezzlement returned home to Vancouver last night after spending 12 years in jail. Michael Kapoustin, 55,

was cleared of the former charge but was convicted of embezzling around \$4 million from 2,800 Bulgarian investors in his LifeChoice International fund and given a 17-year sentence.

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European missile shield

World/Business

News in brief

HURRICANE Tropical Storm Bertha, moving briskly across open ocean waters, may strengthen into the first hurricane of the 2008 Atlantic storm season sometime during the next 48 hours, U.S. weather forecasters said yesterday.

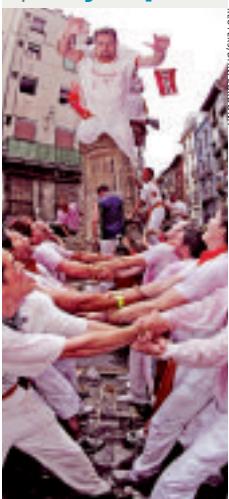
HOSTAGES Freed hostage Ingrid Betancourt spoke yesterday through a radio broadcast to those still being held in the Colombian jungle by leftist guerrillas, urging them not to lose hope.

FERTILITY Couples trying to have a baby when the man is over 40 will have more difficulty conceiving than if he is younger, French researchers said yesterday.

IRAQ A car bomb killed six civilians and wounded 14 other people in the Shaab district of northern Baghdad yesterday, police said.

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Spain jump



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A reveller is caught after leaping from the Plaza de la Navarreria fountain at the start of the San Fermin festival yesterday in Pamplona, Spain.

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Parents appeal to son's killer

Murder suspect still loose

The parents of one of the two French students murdered in London a week ago in a frenzied knife attack appealed yesterday for the killer to come forward and said they would not rest until the guilty party was found.

Bio-engineering students Laurent Bonomo and Gabriel Ferez, both 23, were bound, gagged and repeatedly stabbed in Bonomo's south London apartment in what police called the most "frenzied, brutal and horrific" murders they had seen.

Bonomo was stabbed nearly 200 times, up to 80 time after he was dead,



Suspect composite

while Ferez received nearly 50 knife wounds.

French newspapers said the shocking murders highlighted how dangerous the city had become after a spate of street teen stabbings this year that has prompted the mayor to make it a priority and police to expand a specialist knife crime squad.

"We plead with you to turn yourselves in to the police. You will not be able to live in hiding forever," Ferez' parents Francoise and Olivier said in a statement. "You may be scared and feel like a coward, but you must recognize this terrible mistake you made. Rest assured that we will not leave you in peace."

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Canadian imports of U.S. vehicles closing on record

AUTOMOTIVE The number of vehicles imported into Canada from the United States in 2008 is well on pace to break last year's record high, according to data compiled by the North American Automobile Trade Association.

Canadians imported 151,169 vehicles as of June 30, more than double the amount for the same period a year earlier, and fast approaching the 189,738 vehicles imported in 2007.

Mark Sandelin, chief executive of Import Trader, a company that specializes in

by the numbers

Canadians imported 151,169 vehicles as of June 30, more than double the number a year earlier, and approaching the 189,738 vehicles imported throughout 2007.

importing vehicles and heavy equipment from the United States, says once all the import fees have been taken into account, Canadians can expect to save, on average, between \$3,000 and \$4,000 on a vehicle selling for \$30,000 at a Canadian dealership.

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THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

New convention centre

Argyle Developments has purchased the Midtown Tavern and Grill, which may be demolished to make way for a new convention centre on the lot and the one adjacent. Developer Joe Ramia said that his company bought the neighbouring Chronicle Herald property

in March, 2007 with a plan to develop a commercial-residential building. However, when the city and province made a call for proposals in March, 2008 for a new convention centre, Ramia said the company began conceptual development for a convention centre.

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Starbucks' woes delight naysayers

GLEE Financial woes at Starbucks, which is planning to close 600 underperforming U.S. stores, is evoking glee and little sympathy from aficionados who say they resent the coffee shop giant and favour independent cafes.

The schadenfreude of coffee drinkers drawing satisfaction from another's misfortune is part of the popular culture that enjoys the downfall of companies or celebrities, said Jim Carroll, a Canadian-based trends and innovation expert.

REUTERS

News in brief

BCE TAKEOVER Announcing what it said were "essential milestones" allowing the world's largest leveraged buyout to go ahead, BCE Inc. said on Friday that its buyers had finalized funding and were sticking to their \$34.8-billion purchase price. BCE said it expected its going-private deal to close by Dec. 11.

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Health Olympic athletes exposed to Beijing's polluted air face possible blood circulation problems which could affect their performance, experts say. **REUTERS**

Beijing Games

Christopher books ticket to Beijing

ATHLETICS

Tyler Christopher roared to victory in the 400-metre final at the Canadian track and field championships on Saturday in Windsor, Ont., setting an event record of 45.03 seconds and booking his ticket to the Beijing Games.

Priscilla Lopes-Schliep won the women's 100 hurdles final in 12.78 seconds, beating Angela Whyte who recorded a season-best 12.96.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Gay will miss out on 200m in Beijing

ATHLETICS World champion Tyson Gay's dream of Olympic double gold ended in pain when he crashed out of the U.S. 200 metres quarter-finals on Saturday.

Already qualified for Beijing in the 100 metres, Gay had run about 40 metres of the 200 metres when he grabbed at his left hamstring and tumbled to track with a severe cramp.

The injury was a major blow to the U.S. hopes in Beijing since under the strict qualifying procedure of the trials only the top three finishers make the Olympic team regardless of circumstances. **REUTERS**

Phelps takes aim at 8 gold medals

SWIMMING Michael Phelps closed out the U.S. Olympic trials with a commanding win in the 100 metres butterfly on Saturday, adding a final flourish to his packed Beijing program.

After seven days, 15 swims and two world records, Phelps has crafted an Olympic schedule that will include eight events, providing the 23-year-old with enough ammunition to attack Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals at a single Summer Games.

REUTERS

Tomorrow's lineup

LIFE'S A BEACH Beach volleyball player Dana Cooke and partner Annie Martin have spent the past month in Europe going from tournament to tournament in an effort to secure a spot in Beijing. Read tomorrow's Metro for more.

31 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

'I am living my dream'

Paralympic athlete Connor, 31, sets sights on gold medal in Beijing

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Canada



Fate had seemingly made a wretched decision, but Calgarian paralympic athlete Earle Connor stood up and ran in the other direction — literally — with just one foot.

When he was three months old, Connor's parents had to make a tough decision: Subject their child to surgery every time he grew, or amputate his left leg. Born with a congenital condition that left his leg without a fibula, his parents decided to amputate his leg. The alternative, says the now 31-year-old, would have been very limiting, and would have confined him to a wheelchair. Instead, he took up sports.

"Beyond being an amputee, it was a way to express myself as a child," he said, describing himself as an eternal optimist with a "huge slice of competitive."

Now the undefeated champion in the 100-metre dash, Connor will compete for Canada at the Beijing Paralympics.

It has been a long road to China for Connor, filled with tough lessons learned as a young athlete.

Another setback had Connor debating the end of his sporting career. In 2004 he failed a drug test because of personal, yet legal, medications he says that as a young man he was too embarrassed to admit he was taking.

"My own downfall is what I created," he said. Due to cancer concerns, a testicle had been removed and the testosterone patch he had been wearing to balance his hormones tipped his levels on the day of one test, weeks before he was to compete.

"I learned a very valuable lesson about taking ownership for who you are," Connor said.

He continues to challenge himself to be healthy and happy, remembering to have

fun, and keeping balance in his life.

"If you don't have balance, you're really out of whack," he said.

After a two-year hiatus, the athlete, who proudly holds his undefeated streak since 1997, has three main goals.

"First and foremost is to win a gold medal in Beijing," he said, adding that's like "the A-plus on the term paper." He'd also like to beat his own world record of 12.14 seconds and run the race in under 12, which he said is an exhilarating accomplishment.

The last goal looks away from the track.

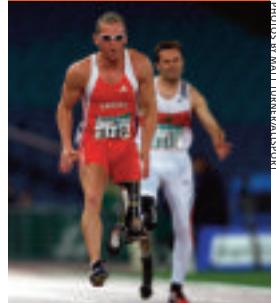
"(I'd like to) transcend into real life," said the newly married Connor, adding he's excited about the prospect of improving lives by working in the prosthetic industry.

But for now, "I really am totally living my dream," he said.

Paralympic facts

- The Paralympics will be held Sept. 7-17, with the opening ceremony set for Sept. 6. The slogan is "One World, One Dream."
- The first Winter Paralympics were held in Sweden in 1976.
- "Paralympics" comes from the Greek "para," meaning "alongside," and therefore refers to a competition held parallel to the Olympics.
- In 2004, Athens saw 3,806 Paralympic athletes. More than 4,000 are expected to attend this year in Beijing.
- The Summer Games in Beijing will have 20 sports competitions — the highest number in Paralympic history.
- Amputees are not necessarily limited to competing against other amputees, and their abilities will be evaluated by an international panel alongside other Paralympians prior to the Games.

by the numbers



Earle Connor in action at the Sydney Paralympic Games in 2000.

25-30 Number of hours Earle Connor trains every week.

1999 Year Connor moved to Calgary. He's originally from rural Saskatchewan.

100-metre dash is his specialty.

Canadian paralympic athlete Earle Connor is gearing up for the Games in Beijing.



B.C. Lions president and CEO Bob Ackles died yesterday morning after suffering a heart attack. Ackles was the club's original water boy who rose through the ranks to become its top executive. He was 69. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports



Brewers may have Sabathia

The Milwaukee Brewers have reportedly acquired pitcher C.C. Sabathia from the Cleveland Indians last night for a package of prospects. According to the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, the deal is contingent upon paperwork being finalized and medical reports being exchanged and that the reigning AL Cy Young Award winner could be in action for the Brewers tomorrow against the Colorado Rockies.

Garland helps Angels top Jays

MLB Jon Garland allowed one run in a complete game, and Jeff Mathis went 2-for-4 with three RBIs, as the Los Angeles Angels topped Toronto, 7-1, in the rubber match of a three-game series with the Blue Jays yesterday.

Garland gave up six hits and no walks in his nine-inning effort, and struck out three while throwing just 98 pitches. The victory was the 100th of Garland's career. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sharks gobble up Boyle's big deal

NHL The San Jose Sharks acquired defenceman Dan Boyle and Brad Lukowich from the Tampa Bay Lightning in exchange for defencemen Matt Carle and Ty Wishart.

The Sharks also gave up a first-round pick in 2009 and a fourth-round selection in 2010.

Boyle, who signed a six-year, \$40 million US extension in February, had to waive his no-trade clause in order to complete the deal. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Kim battles back to win AT&T title

GOLF American Anthony Kim claimed his second victory of the year by shooting a flawless five-under-par 65 to win the AT&T National in Maryland by two strokes over Sweden's Fredrik Jacobson yesterday.

Kim, who entered the final round three strokes behind leader Tom Pernice, recorded five birdies and no bogeys on the rigorous Congressional Country Club course to finish at 12-under 268.

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Sports in brief

MOTORSPORTS McLaren's Lewis Hamilton blew away his rivals to win a wet and chaotic British Grand Prix yesterday and storm back to the top of the Formula One standings. Hamilton is the first British winner at Silverstone since Scotland's David Coulthard in 2000. REUTERS

CYCLING Norway's Thor Hushovd powered to his sixth victory on the Tour de France when he won a sprint to snatch the second stage yesterday. Spain's Alejandro Valverde still holds the overall lead. REUTERS

Nadal steals Federer's crown

Spaniard wins five-set epic to seal first Wimbledon championship

Rafael Nadal punched a mighty hole through Roger Federer's aura of invincibility yesterday to become the first Spaniard in over four decades to win the Wimbledon men's singles crown.

In one of the most nerve-jangling finals seen at the All England Club, Nadal survived two rain breaks and an astonishing Federer fightback to end the Swiss' five-year reign as Wimbledon champion with a thrilling 6-4, 6-4, 6-7, 6-7, 9-7 victory.

While Nadal emulated the 1966 feat of fellow Spaniard Manuel Santana, Federer's dreams of eclipsing Bjorn Borg and setting a modern-era record of six successive Wimbledon titles died after four hours and 48 minutes of heart-stopping action.

Nadal's astounding journey to win his first crown at the grasscourt grand slam began under cloudy skies and finished in near darkness.

The 22-year-old collapsed on to his back the moment Federer buried a forehand into the net on Nadal's fourth match point.

TONY MELVILLE/REUTERS



Rafael Nadal of Spain playfully takes a bite out of his trophy after defeating Roger Federer of Switzerland 6-4, 6-4, 6-7, 7-6, 9-7 yesterday in the Wimbledon men's final.

Dragging himself up from the turf, a tearful Nadal clambered through the stands to embrace his family and friends, who draped the red and yellow Spanish flag over his shoulders.

In a Wimbledon first, the Majorcan then strode across the commentary boxes on Centre Court to shake

hands with Prince Felipe and Princess Letizia of Spain in the Royal Box and went on to exchange high fives with numerous fans in the stands.

"It's impossible to explain what I felt in that moment ... winning my favourite tournament, it's a dream," Nadal told the crowd after

becoming the first man since Borg in 1980 to complete the Roland Garros-Wimbledon double in the same year.

Four weeks after humiliating Federer in the French Open final, Nadal demonstrated that the balance of power in men's tennis had shifted in his favour when

5 Number of career grand slam titles won by Spain's Rafael Nadal (French Open 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008; Wimbledon 2008)

he handed the Swiss his first grasscourt defeat in six years.

An utterly dejected Federer, though still world No. 1, could barely fathom his first major final defeat outside his three losses at Roland Garros.

"This is a disaster, Paris was nothing in comparison," said the 12-time grand slam champion, who had hoped to close in on Pete Sampras' overall record of 14 major titles.

On Saturday, Venus Williams survived a fierce onslaught from her sister Serena Williams to win her fifth Wimbledon singles title. The sisters then defeated Samantha Stosur and Lisa Raymond to claim the women's double title.

Toronto's Daniel Nestor and his partner Nenad Zimonjic defeated Jonas Bjorkman and Kevin Ullyett 7-6 6-7 6-3 6-3 to win the men's doubles title, helping Nestor complete a career grand slam.

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Racing action Smith earns 1st victory of season



RYAN JAPIN FOR METRO HALIFAX

Timberlea's Wayne Smith (44) won the Forbes Chev Olds 150 at Scotia Speedworld on Saturday night. It was the 33-year-old's first victory of the season as he solidified his lead atop the Carquest Maritime Pro Stock Tour point standings.

Emotions gets best of N.S. amateur champ

GOLF David Williamson was overcome with emotion, as the hard work to perfect his game over the past five years finally paid off.

The 23-year-old tearfully embraced his father and caddy, Michael, and his mother, Lorraine, after defeating Sean Hurley of Hartlen Point in a one-hole playoff to capture the Nova Scotia Golf Association men's amateur championship at Lingan Golf and Country Club in Sydney on Saturday.

Williamson last won a provincial event as an 18-year-old, when he captured the 2003 junior title.

"I've worked so hard on my game through college and didn't really play my best golf until I graduated last year," said the Halifax native. "I went down south for about three months in

the spring to work on my game — I plan on turning professional in September.

"When you know you're playing well, to do it under

pressure is the big thing. The emotion of the playoff was just a release to see the people that have been so instrumental in helping get me through that entire time and my folks are unbelievably supportive of me and my game ... It was hard to hold the tears back."

Williamson, Hurley, Ashburn's Trevor Chow and Lingan's Ryan Boutilier will compete at the Canadian championship from Aug. 10 to 14 in Lethbridge, Alta.

—T.J. COLELO/CAPE BRETON POST

Williamson

Basketball star switching schools

Atlantic University Sport women's basketball scoring champion Alise Brown has left the Saint Mary's Huskies for the Acadia Axewomen. The fourth-year guard from Halifax will sit out this coming season and debut with Acadia in 2009. Her younger sister, Keisha, has also committed to Acadia. **METRO HALIFAX**

Power closes in on Games

MATTHEW WUEST



Adrienne Power moved a step closer to qualifying for the Beijing Olympics yesterday in Windsor, Ont.

The East Jeddore sprinter captured a gold medal in the women's 200 metres at the Canadian track and field championships, which double as the country's Olympic trials. The final Olympic team is scheduled to be announced early today.

Power's time of 23.09 seconds edged out the 23.45 time of second-place finisher Esther Akinsulue of Ottawa.

She fell short of the Olympic A standard (23 seconds) and has been placed into a "rising star" pool of athletes from which the national team committee will select its Olympians.

Power is a former BLG award winner as Canadian Interuniversity Sport's female athlete of the year. She achieved the Olympic A standard at a U.S. meet earlier this year, a big boost in her quest to qualify for the first Games of her career.

Other top Nova Scotia finishers saw Adam Wolkins of Shelburne win silver in men's javelin and Eric Gillis of Antigonish take silver in the men's 5,000 metres.

Winning bronze were Erin MacLean of Timberlea (women's 5,000 metres); Leanna MacLean of New Glasgow (women's 800 metres); and Caledonia's Jenna Martin (women's 400 metres).

Sports in brief

BASEBALL Dartmouth Moosehead Dry took down the streaking Halifax Pelham Canadians 4-1 in Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League action last night at Beazley Field. **METRO HALIFAX**

SOCER Halifax Dunbrick Bremner's earned another win on the weekend, dumping Highland Floors 6-0 on Saturday for a scorching 10-0 record to start the Nova Scotia Soccer League Premiership season.

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Workology



Ban working?

The World Health Organization urged more countries to adopt smoking bans in public and at the workplace, saying there was enough evidence to prove they are an effective way of preventing heart disease and protecting others from second-hand smoke. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Program offers boost in being your own boss

JON TATTIE
for Metro Halifax



Finding yourself out of work usually means looking for a new boss, but some view it as an opportunity to become their own boss.

If you're on Employment Insurance — or have been within the last 36 months — you can apply to the Self-Employment Benefits program facilitated by the Centre For Entrepreneurship, Education and Development (CEED). The free 40-week program teaches you how to start and run your own business, and lets you keep any money you earn on top of your EI payments.

As people are otherwise only allowed to earn 25 per cent of their EI before losing the rest dollar for dollar, this is a huge boost.

"It helps them stretch their cash flow out for 40 weeks," says Jason Wan, Self-Employment Benefits advisor at CEED's Halifax branch.



Paul MacMillan shows off some of the air-brushed artwork he hopes to turn into a business.

"The type of people who attend the program are people who have been working in their job for a long period and have recently been laid off, or who have been going from job to job," he adds. He also sees people coming off maternity leave and finding their job is no longer there.

Wan runs the two-day assessment course for those who referred to it by their EI case manager. The business-training program has

20 mandatory workshops on "hard skill" subjects like book-keeping, financing and legal issues. "Soft skills" such as health and wellness and work-life balance are also covered.

After the assessment, candidates submit an application to Service Canada. "Not everybody who applies gets in, but once people are in, the majority will graduate," Wan says.

Spryfield resident Paul MacMillan wants to start his own airbrushing busi-

For more information

- Go to www.servicecanada.gc.ca to learn more.
- Service Canada's Halifax branch is in Tower 2 at the Halifax Shopping Centre. Call 1 800 277-9914.
- CEED's office is in Tower 1 (suite 107) at the same mall, or call 421-2333.

ness, RPM Air. "I've been painting cars for 18 years at car dealerships and it's just become monotonous," he explains. He started airbrushing for fun a few years ago and found he has a talent for it. "Now, I just love it."

His business plan involves some work on cars — he's seen full-body paintings run up to \$28,000 — as well as flashy designs for motorbikes and helmets. He's also looking at smaller, decorative items like fire-and-skull boxes or custom-painted cell-phone cases.

"It started out just as a hobby, but now I want to take it to the next step."

Lawyers are in need of counsel, too

Workplace Law



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that Johnston's version of the events should be preferred instead. Johnston was awarded two months' salary for wrongful dismissal and her legal costs.

Courts can scrutinize an employer's actions and conduct at the time of dismissal. If unreasonable behaviour is viewed as extending an employee's period of unemployment, the court can award additional damages to compensate for the harm.

Although the court curiously declined to award Johnston additional damages, it cautioned like-minded employers that similar behaviour could lead to such a finding.

When it comes to workplace law, sometimes even

"If unreasonable behaviour is viewed as extending an employee's period of unemployment, the court can award additional damages to compensate for the harm."

Cover letters are still key, say execs

ELECTRONIC ETIQUETTE As the job application process increasingly moves online, some job seekers might be tempted to think a formal cover letter is no longer necessary — not so, according to a survey developed by OfficeTeam.

Eighty-six per cent of executives polled said cover letters are valuable when evaluating job candidates. Moreover, 80 per cent of those managers said it is common to receive electronic resumes accompanied by cover letters.

"Submitting a resume without a cover letter is like not shaking hands when meeting someone for the first time," said Dave Willmer of OfficeTeam, who thinks they're part of a good first impression. The survey is based on telephone interviews with 150 senior executives from the largest companies in the United States. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Shortly after her dismissal, however, their relationship changed for the worse. Incorrectly believing that Johnston filed a complaint against him at the Ministry of Labour, Levencrown struck back, attempting to affect her reputation. Johnston responded by suing for wrongful dismissal.

Throughout the lawsuit and up until trial, Levencrown first argued that he fired Johnston because of her performance and then at trial he then oddly said that she resigned. But the evidence disagreed with him: Levencrown had initially helped Johnston look for another job, he had told another lawyer that he dismissed her because he didn't have enough work for her and he had provided documents indicating that she had been fired for that same reason.

Not amused with Levencrown's hardball tactics, an Ontario judge recently found that his evidence simply wasn't credible and

lawyers need counsel. Employers should consider the following advice for handling dismissals:

- Raise performance issues or other allegations only if there is overwhelming evidence to support the argument being made.
- Zealously follow workplace policies the organization has in place. If none exist, create them.
- Provide a letter of dismissal, outlining the company's position and any offer of severance being made.
- Provide helpful letters of reference, instead of the simple name, rank and file letters currently in favour.
- Consider offering outplacement counselling, especially for older staff.

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Entertainment

Free Tattoo

Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo acts will perform free noon shows today and tomorrow at Historic Properties, Spring Garden Place, Grand Parade and Park Lane Mall.

DEAN LISK/METRO HALIFAX



This work, titled *Bully*, is so fragile that it might break if you touch it. You can see it at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia.

AGNS's 'greatest hits'

Art gallery offers another chance to see recent works

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Art lovers who missed an opportunity to see Mathew Reichert's ambitious series of paintings called The Fight — or works from other recent shows — will want to drop by the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia.

"This is like the greatest hits of contemporary arts we have done recently," the gallery's Jeff Gray said about Contemporaries.

The recently mounted exhibit features some of the most interesting contemporary works by Canadian artists — and a chance to revisit art highlights

If you go

What: *Contemporaries*
Where: Art Gallery of Nova Scotia
When: Through September

from the last number of years.

This is the first show put together by new AGNS director Ray Cronin since he was officially named to the post late this spring.

"In some ways, it is about showing what his vision of the art gallery is," said Gray.

"This summer is about seeing the gallery again, and our collection again."

Highlights of the exhibit include a marble-version

of a Styrofoam cooler by Halifax-based artist Thierry Delva — he had a solo show in the same space in 2005 — and drawings by Lucie Chan, who flooded the gallery with paper tears last year.

There is also a piece called The Race by Jena-Pierre Gauthier, where five measuring tapes with graphite attached to them move randomly up and down a wall, leaving one-of-a-kind drawings.

Another work on display is a sculpture of a polystyrene bicycle chained to a street sign. The bike's front wheel and seat are missing, and it looks like it might have had a run in with a

"This is like the greatest hits of contemporary arts."

Jeff Gray

passing truck or street cleaner.

The piece is called Bully and was made by the same artist who created the polystyrene Zamboni which was a hit during the recent Arena: The Art of Hockey show.

"As someone pointed out to me, the piece is so fragile that if you were to actually touch it, you could destroy it, and that would make you the bully," said Gray.

Park a natural for Dream-y production

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The forest plays a magical role in the play, so it only seems right to set the story in a park that plays a starring role in the city.

"This park has seen its fair share of tragedy and comedy and rebirth," said Jesse McLean. "It's been a theatre, in a different sense, for hundreds of years."

McLean is the director Shakespeare by the Sea's A Midsummer Night's Dream — The Bard's tale of multiple star-crossed lovers — which premieres in Point Pleasant Park this week.

"Not only do we have the ruins of the Cambridge Battery to serve as the city or castle, but you don't even have to move to have it set in the forest," said McLean.

"All you have to do is have the people in the castle leave and the people in the forest enter, and you've changed sets."



Raquel Duffy, left, appears in and Jesse McLean directs Shakespeare by the Sea's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

If you go

What: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
Where: Point Pleasant Park
When: Wednesday through Aug. 20. Various dates and times.
Tickets: \$15 suggested donation. Visit www.shakespearebythesea.ca/

Among the actors appearing in this production is Raquel Duffy, who last performed with Shakespeare by the Sea in a production of this show 13 years ago.

"Shakespeare lends itself to being done outside," said Duffy.

She played Puck and Hermia more than a decade ago, and will now appear as

Titania, the fairy queen.

"It is one of my favourite Shakespeare plays, and I didn't expect to be playing Titania yet in my life — but I feel ready to play it," she said.

McLean said this play is popular with many because it's one of Shakespeare's best structured — and has centuries of success to back it up.

"It is called a comedy, but it has romance, it has tragedy, it has adventure," he said. "It has everything, so people can pick and choose what they identify with in the story."

"You can set this play in space and it would probably still be a treat to watch."

Entertainment in brief

FESTIVAL ACADIEN Singer George Belliveau will be among the performers appearing at the Festival Acadien de Clare from July 26 to Aug. 15. The concert series also features La Baie en Joie dancers and musicians from Louisiana. Visit www.festivalacadiendeclaré.ca. **BY DEAN LISK**

REAL GOSPEL. A new reality TV series called Gospel's Dynamic Duets will be in Halifax in late August to audition local singers. People interested in auditioning will be asked to perform songs in two gospel styles. Visit www.gospelduets.com. **BY DEAN LISK**

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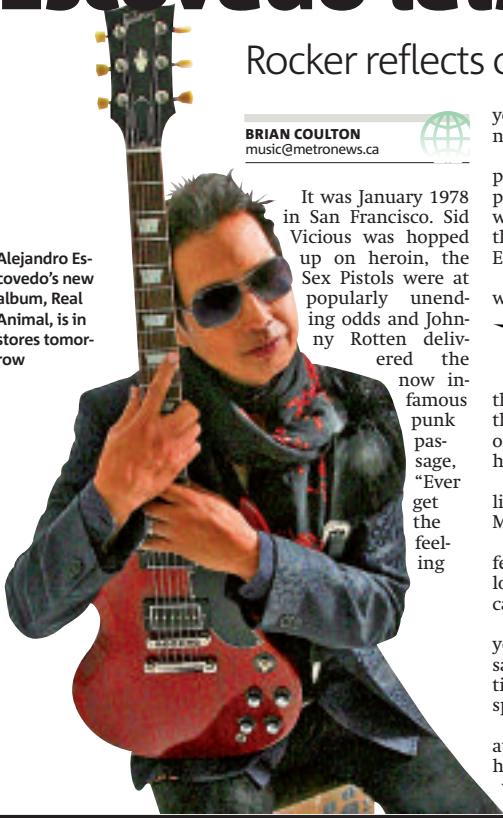
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Escovedo lets loose on Animal

Rocker reflects on his personal life and public past

Alejandro Escovedo's new album, *Real Animal*, is in stores tomorrow



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you've been cheated? Good night."

It was January 1978 in San Francisco. Sid Vicious was hopped up on heroin, the Sex Pistols were at popularly unending odds and Johnny Rotten delivered the now infamous punk passage, "Ever get the feeling

The scene may have depicted the end of England's punk rock pioneers but it was just the beginning for then unknown Alejandro Escovedo.

He played guitar and co-wrote songs for The Nuns,

the band that opened at the Pistols' historic final show.

Nowadays, he is more likely to open for the Dave Matthews Band.

"It's a vast chasm of difference," chuckles now solo Escovedo. "It's a grand canyon of difference."

But that was over thirty years ago and Escovedo says, today, he can objectively acknowledge the spectacle he was a part of.

"It was eye opening and at the same time kind of heart breaking for me. It wasn't a musical venture

at that point. It was more about the spectacle of seeing people ... kind of destroy themselves."

Escovedo remarks on this and other defining aspects of his musical life on the heavily autobiographical *Real Animal*, his tenth full-length album, which

lows of San Juan talk about where he grew up. "The rolling around in the mud and the clay is like this primitive nest egg of falling in love with this music and wanting to get back to the source of the music that changed my life."

His life changing events have covered a grand span. At 57, Escovedo has a plethora of personal and public adventures about which he speaks candidly on the album.

His experiences are what characterize his music and performance, from a near-fatal bout with Hepatitis C to appearing, to his discontent, on U.S. President George W. Bush's iPod playlist (he says he'd rather opt for Obama's).

Escovedo says it's music that has taken him to all these places, people and situations. "Without music, I don't know where I would be. It hasn't been easy but it's been a beautiful and joyous ride."

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will be available in stores across Canada tomorrow.

On the record, he says he reached back to childhood, singing about his musically formative journey starting in his native San Antonio.

"My parents told us we were going on a vacation to California and we never returned to Texas. That's where I learned about the music I ended up loving so much — the English rock and garage rock of the late 50s and 60s."

He says songs like *Swal-*

weekend box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to Media By Numbers LLC:

1. **Hancock**, \$66 million US
2. **WALL-E**, \$33.4 million
3. **Wanted**, \$20.6 million
4. **Get Smart**, \$11.1 million
5. **Kung Fu Panda**, \$7.5 million
6. **The Incredible Hulk**, \$5 million
7. **Indiana Jones And The Kingdom of the Crystal Skull**, \$3.9 million
8. **Kit Kittredge: An American Girl**, \$3.6 million
9. **Sex And The City**, \$2.3 million
10. **You Don't Mess With the Zohan**, \$2 million

Glastonbury boosts Jay Z sales

MUSIC. Jay-Z's appearance at Britain's Glastonbury Festival may have upset some rock purists, but it was music to the ears of his bank manager.

Sales of the rapper's last album rocketed nearly five-fold in the days after his headline performance at Worthy Farm in Somerset, according to HMV figures released on Friday.

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Man behind Bozo the Clown passes away

TELEVISION Larry Harmon, the alter ego behind Bozo the Clown for more than 50 years, died on Thursday of congestive heart failure at age 83, his spokesman said.

Harmon, a native of Ohio, died at his home in Los Angeles, his spokesman, Jerry Digney said. Harmon was not the original Bozo, but he portrayed the flame-haired clown in numerous appearances over the years.

More importantly, he purchased the copyright and trademark to the clown in the 1950s, and as a result was responsible for keeping Bozo working in the entertainment industry for more than half a century.

Over the years, Harmon trained some 200 actors to portray the clown for various local TV stations and other programs franchised around the country.

"We didn't have satellite, syndication and networking like today," Harmon once recalled. "So, I created my own network of local clowns and productions, a cross-country operation that kept me on the road for 50 weeks a year for decades."

Willard Scott, who went on to appear as the weatherman on NBC's weekday morning program Today, was one of those recruited by Harmon.

For a time, Harmon also ran a large animation studio in Hollywood, producing cartoons based on comedians Laurel and Hardy, as well as the characters Popeye and Mr. Magoo.

He is survived by his wife, son and four daughters.

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NBC expands its TV empire

TELEVISION A group made up of NBC Universal, Blackstone Group and Bain Capital on Sunday said they have agreed to buy the U.S. Weather Channel from Landmark Communications in a deal whose financial terms they did not disclose.

The transaction includes the Weather Channel Networks cable network and the Weather Channel's website.

Privately held Landmark, which put the channel up for sale along with other businesses, originally sought \$5 billion for the asset, sources have said.

NBC Universal is part of General Electric Corporation.

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South Park strikes again

WHY SOUTH PARK IS ESSENTIAL, #57: Trey Parker and Matt Stone effectively had the last word on the Hollywood writers' strike earlier this year with Canada On Strike, the South Park episode that earned bonus points for being the latest totally gratuitous shot at this country by the Comedy Central show.

Where we once had to turn to old newsreels and clips of broadcast news shows to evoke and sum up an event in history (FDR declaring war on Japan, Walter Cronkite taking off his glasses after announcing the death of JFK), Canada On Strike will suffice to sum up precisely why the Writers Guild of America strike was an almost completely counterproductive exercise in poor bargaining with scant leverage. I can't wait to see what they'll do if the Screen Actors Guild goes on strike. On a more esoteric note, the next episode in the show's



12th season was a parody of Heavy Metal, the 1981 animated feature that still gives off a pungent aroma of bongwater and mildewed rec room for anyone who made the mortal mistake of being "there" when it was released, or during the long dark period when you could rely on finding a VHS copy of the film in any video rental store in the world. (Divining a unifying theme, Heavy Metal was voiced almost entirely by Canadians, including half the cast of SCTV.)

In a series of mini production featurettes on the South Park Studios web site, Parker, Stone and their animators go behind the scenes to describe how hard they worked to approximate the cryptacular

animation style of Major Boobage, their loving tribute to Heavy Metal.

They'll probably end up on the 12th season box set of the show, alongside the predictably risible "bonus features" Stone and Parker include with their DVD sets, so you'd might as well get your DVD burner fired up now.

HURLING INTO THE 21ST CENTURY, ONE WEB SITE AT A TIME:

In further writers' strike fallout, a web site was launched last week to showcase the work of writers affected by the WGA strike, with the solemn promise that whatever profits they realize — we're talking about the internet here, people — will go to the Actors Fund, which was set up to compensate crew members unemployed by the strike. Strike.tv was launched on the 4th of July with a teaser trailer promising work by writers from a dizzying array



South Park creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone.

of shows, peppered by appearances by actual name actors — I was able to spot Kelly from The Office, two former James Bonds and Bob Newhart.

Precisely how Strike.tv intends to make money remains to be seen — will they be selling ads, or will the site take a cut of the money if one of the shows gets bought or optioned for movies or

TV?

In any case, it seems a classic example of Hollywood back into the future once again — possibly stumbling into the new business model it sorely needs without any idea of how exactly it got there.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

critics' corner

CSI: Miami

It's "hasta la vista" time for one member of Horatio's (David Caruso) team in "Burned." The investigator's personal problems have interfered with the team's latest investigation — a romantic breakup that turned deadly — and Horatio must wield the ax. But while someone is out, an old familiar face returns: Yelina (Sofia Milos). 10 PM on CJCH



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The Fiddle and the Drum

That Joni Mitchell's got her hand in almost everything! Which isn't necessarily a bad thing, as illustrated by this performance piece. Alberta Ballet artistic director Jean Grande-Maitre and songwriter Mitchell got together and came up with a ballet set to her music and performed in front of shots of her artwork. Yes, she paints, too. Influencing Mitchell's music and art are her concerns about the environment and war. 9 PM on BRVO



Transformers star Megan Fox has reportedly called off her engagement to fiancé actor Brian Austin Green. Sources claim the pretty brunette, 22, sent business associates correspondence last week alerting them to the sad news. [IMDB.COM](#)

Celebrity Buzz

Madonna and Ritchie have dinner date

MARRIAGE Madonna and husband Guy Ritchie have put on a show of unity with a rare public appearance together in New York, [imdb.com](#) reports.

The couple enjoyed a romantic meal at an Italian restaurant — just hours after Madonna's publicist Liz Rosenberg issued a statement denying the pair is set to divorce.

Madonna and Ritchie were snapped heading into an exclusive

restaurant hand in hand on Tuesday evening. A source tells *People.com*, "(They looked) like a normal couple that just wanted to have a nice dinner out.

"They looked very unassuming, not like they were looking for attention." Another onlooker tells the website, "Everyone was whispering and saying, 'Wow, that was Madonna. She is supposed to be separating from her husband. I can't believe she is here."

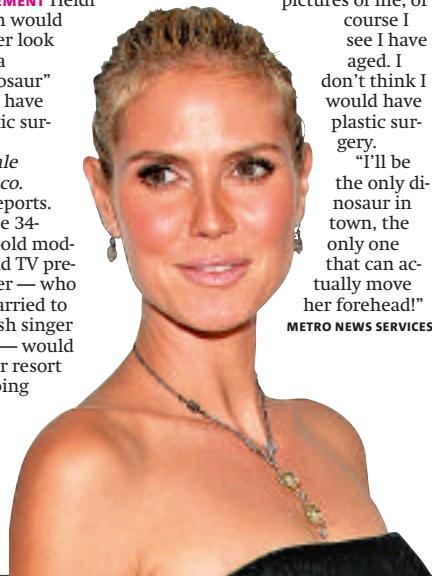
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Klum snubs plastic surgery

STATEMENT Heidi Klum would rather look like a "dinosaur" than have plastic surgery, [femalefirst.co.uk](#) reports.

The 34-year-old model and TV presenter — who is married to British singer Seal — would never resort to going



under the knife to maintain her looks.

She said: "I see that I've aged already. When I look at pictures now and when I see old pictures of me, of course I see I have aged. I don't think I would have plastic surgery.

"I'll be the only dinosaur in town, the only one that can actually move her forehead!"

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celebrity brief

Kate, Lance go out with mom

COPPLE Kate Hudson and Lance Armstrong have been spotted enjoying a meal with the actress' mum Goldie Hawn, further fuelling rumours they are an item, [imdb.com](#) reports.

The alleged couple was seen eating a late lunch with Hudson's Hollywood veteran mother Hawn at the Ivy restaurant in Santa Monica, California on Tuesday. They were snapped laughing and joking as they dined outside on the restaurant's patio area, according to *People.com*.

Hudson and



Armstrong have been romantically linked since they were spotted kissing and cuddling during a party at the Cannes International Film Festival in France in May. But they have refused to speak publicly about their romance.

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celebrity brief

Married life with Mariah 'amazing'

MARRIAGE Rapper/actor Nick Cannon has laughed off rumours his marriage to Mariah Carey is on the rocks, insisting they couldn't be happier, [imdb.com](#) reports.

He tells *People.com*, "Marriage is amazing. It's the best thing that ever happened to me."

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Diaz's boyfriend moving in?

ROMANCE Although Cameron Diaz has only been dating model Paul Sculfor for a month, he's already staying with her, *In Touch Weekly* reports. "Cameron and Paul have been spending every night together," an insider tells the magazine, noting that Paul's main residence is in his native England. "He doesn't have a house in LA and Cameron doesn't mind him staying with her."

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Law linked to young model

ROMANCE Actor Jude Law is reportedly romancing British model Lily Cole — who is 15 years his junior, [imdb.com](#) reports.

The Alfie star, 35, has previously been romantically linked to rocker Rod Stewart's daughter Kimberly, but has been spotted with red-haired catwalk beauty Cole in recent weeks.

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Actor denying affair with Sienna

PEOPLE The married man accused of having an affair with Sienna Miller has denied reports he is romantically involved with the British actress who recently split from her fiance, [imdb.com](#) reports.

Balthazar Getty, who is married with four children, has refuted allegations he is involved with Miller, saying, "It's not true. No truth to any of that."

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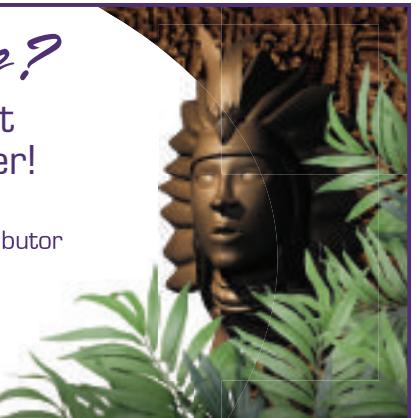
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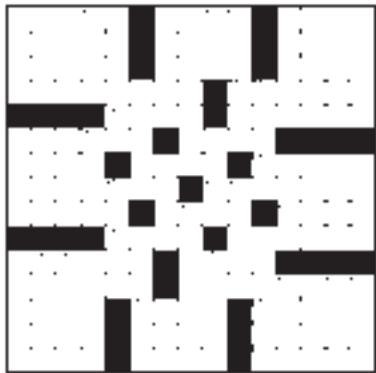
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Jackass star Steve-o has been transferred from a rehabilitation centre into a psychiatric hospital. The troubled stuntman — real name Stephen Glover — had enrolled in a narcotics program to treat his drug addictions, but after allegedly getting clean, he has been moved to the secure mental ward at Los Angeles' Cedars-Sinai Hospital. [IMDB.COM](#)

Take Five



Crossword down

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|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 — Hashanah | 23 Out of kilter | 46 Atomic pile |
| 2 Game for (2 wds.) | 26 Give a high-five | 49 Bumpy |
| 3 Bug repellent | 27 Dramatic intro (hyph.) | 51 Pizza topping |
| 4 Attract | 28 Teacup edges | 52 Sail supports |
| 5 Harley competitor | 29 Revise | 53 Violet lead-in |
| 6 Send elsewhere | 31 Between tenor and soprano | 54 Smartness of style |
| 7 Winning big (3 wds.) | 34 Consumer | 55 Molds and mildews |
| 8 Novelist — Rand | 36 Beseech | 57 Smart-mouthed |
| 9 Roomy sleeve | 37 Prepare apples | 60 III x XIX |
| 10 Canine cries | 38 Makes a decision | 61 Twisted the truth |
| 11 Keep in stitches | 39 Type of pilot | 62 A single time |
| 12 Ceremonies | 41 Part of REM | 63 Must-have |
| 13 Sheath or sack | 43 Famed statuette | 66 Khan of note |
| 21 Phoenix suburb | | |

Crossword across

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Not pale | 42 Water-ski gear |
| 6 Crowd noise | 44 Ravioli or linguine |
| 10 Enclosure | 45 Mythical archer |
| 14 Horse — | 47 Diploma word |
| 15 "Orinoco Flow" singer | 48 Lily-white |
| 16 Qatar ruler | 50 Most demure |
| 17 Mist | 52 Bakery goody |
| 18 Vampire's tooth | 56 Cold — icicle |
| 19 Stringed ... instrument | 58 Mention casually |
| 20 Trouble, slangily (2 wds.) | 59 Tower bells |
| 22 Expires, as a policy | 64 Bandleader Kenton |
| 24 Leading man | 65 Huge containers |
| 25 Gauge | 67 Of sheep |
| 26 River feeder | 68 Math subj. |
| 30 Limp, as hair | 69 Freudian concerns |
| 32 What the hen did | 70 Brother's daughter |
| 33 Influence | 71 Hindut attire |
| 35 Orlando attraction | 72 None |
| 40 Likes a lot | 73 Agreed with |

STICKELERS
by Terry Stickels

At a recent gathering of friends, there were nine more women than men. If the ratio of women to men was 5 to 2, how many men and women were at the party?

Previous Answer:

The answer is 24. The number in the circle multiplied by the number in the circle will give you the numbers in the middle triangles.

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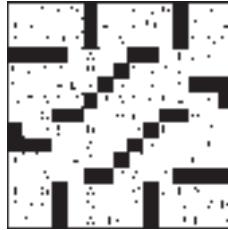
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previous day's answer



This day in history

JULY 7, 1930: Industrialist Henry J. Kaiser begins construction of the Boulder Dam (now known as Hoover Dam).

JULY 7, 1969: In Canada, the Official Languages Act is adopted making the French language equal to the English language throughout the Federal government.

JULY 7, 1978: The Solomon Islands become independent from the United Kingdom.

JULY 7, 2002: A scandal broke in the U.K. when reports alleged MI6 is sheltering Abu Qatada, the supposed European Al Qaeda leader.

	9			2		
	8	1		9	5	
2			6			4
	1	7	5	2	3	4
9	4	7		8	6	5
1			3			6
3	6		4	9		
6				8		

Horoscopes

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



When you're given inspiration — grab it. Broken glass will be hazardous. Happiness is knowing when to stop doing something.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Don't try to clear the air if there's a resistance to truth. It's a super day for a romantic fantasy. Figures lie and liars figure.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



A tolerant person will agree to make changes. Upsetting notes will be intercepted. Procedures have priority over relationships.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



Be cautious while traveling. A friend shows a remarkable lack of concern. If your energy level flags, ask for help.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 22



An opinionated person changes your mind. A friendship may be damaged by amusement. Don't borrow from someone you don't like.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



Don't make light of a serious problem. Damage becomes the topic of a discussion. Fear will interfere with getting support.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



You'll conduct yourself with dignity. A meeting alters your perspective. Co-workers will complain about faulty management.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



Love letters will get lost. News from distance is baffling. Your feelings are a bit too obvious today.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



No time is found for the impractical. Take control of your destiny. A companion will have a replacement for you.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20



A sweet youngster plays it as it comes. Don't take someone's bad manners personally. You'll finally be able to move on.

Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13 Genius
13-17 Scholar
17-21 Smart

previous day's answer

5	6	7	1	3	9	4	8	2
8	2	3	4	7	6	9	5	1
1	9	4	5	8	2	6	3	7
2	3	5	9	4	1	8	7	6
7	4	1	6	5	8	2	9	3
6	8	9	7	2	3	5	1	4
3	7	8	2	6	5	1	4	9
4	1	6	8	9	7	3	2	5
9	5	2	3	1	4	7	6	8

21-25 Not bad
25+ Keep practicing

Halifax weather

Afternoon



Mainly sunny.
27°

Tonight



Clear.
17°

Tuesday



Mainly sunny.
27° / 17°

Wednesday



Variable.
26° / 17°

Thursday



Cloudy.
25° / 16°

Temperature

Normals
High: 21.4°
Low: 12.4°

Records

High: 29°/1999
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